(Employment) Regulation Training and Development Bill, 1985; and

(d) if so, what are the main features of the proposed Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A Bill entitled "The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Bill, 1986" duly approved by the Cabinet was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 22-8-86. The Bill has been considered and passed by the Rajya Sabha on 5-11-86.

(b) Government have taken into consideration the recommendations of the Gurupadaswamy Committee on Child Labour, 1979, before drawing up the proposed Bill.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Bill, 1986, intends to:—

(1) ban the employment of children *i.e.* those who have not completed their fourteenth year, in specified occupations and processes;

(2) lay down a procedure to decide modifications to the Schedule of banned occupations or processes;

(3) regulate the conditions of work of children in employments where they are not prohibited from working;

(4) lay down enhanced penalties for employment of children in violation of the provisions of this Act, and other Acts which forbid the employment of children;

(5) to obtain uniformity in the definition of "child" in the related laws;

Transfer of Income-Tax Subject from Centre to the States

753. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Central Government's consideration to transfer the subject of income-tax from the Centre to the States; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fall in Crude oil and fertilizer prices

754. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the amount saved by Government during the current year owing to the steep fall in the international prices of crude oil and fertilizer; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to reduce the price of crude oil and fertilizers for consumption in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Imports of crude oil and fertilizers are made to meet the gap between the demand and indigenous supply. Purchases of these commodities abroad are made at different times and at prices ruling at the time of purchase. It is, therefore, not possible to make an exact estimate of the savings in the outgo of foreign exchange resulting from the downward trend in the prices of these commodities in the current year.

(b) No, Sir.